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William G. Lane

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 2, 2001. Response was due January 2, 2002. A two-month extension of time is requested, that is until Monday, March 4, 2002, to file the response. The two-month extension fee of \$200.00 (small entity) is enclosed. Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 21-40 without prejudice and substitute.

Add new Claims 41-58.

41. A method of automatically backing up data from a computer comprising:
connecting an ABS unit designated as a data backup to a PCMCIA port on a computer;
the computer scanning for devices connected to its PCMCIA port;
the computer recognizing the ABS unit inserted into its PCMCIA port;
the computer then automatically launching its automatic backup procedure comprising:
the computer scanning all files on its source drives and comparing the files on the ABS unit for date and time changes to identify file changes;